## NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1879. .

MAJOR THORNBURGH KILLED. THREE COMPANIES OF CAVALRY ATTACKED IN A CANON-THIETEEN MEN KILLED AND TWENTY MORE WOUNDED-GREAT EXCITEMENT AT THE

Intelligence has been received that Major while passing near a canon near Milk River, Colorado, by several hundred Ute Indians. The command was compelled to re- work giving orders; consulting General Crook, fourths of the horses of the troops. The the utmost speed to the rescue of the command, which is in a position of great danger. It is thought that Mr. Typer is in camp with the besieged command.

AN AMBUSCADE AT A CANON.

THE TROOPS OVERWILLIMED BY A MUCH SUPERIOR ABLE TO HOLD OUT FOR FIVE DAYS.

CHEYENNE, Wy. T., Oct.1 .- Major Thornburgh, mile south of Milk River, on its march to the war as soon as they can reach the railroad, by agency. It retreated in good order to the waron-train, and began to entrench as fast as possible. General Mer Major Thornburgh was killed instantly during the aces slightly. Lieutenant Paddock and Captain tain Payne and Lieutenant Cherry were killed.

The command was soon very well sheltered, but peared to be surrounded. The Indians set fire to the peared to be surrounded. The indians set like to the grafty plain Indians. They are feared by ight out it of Indian supplies, which was near the soldiers when the fight began, was burned by the are, as also the company wagons of Company 5th Cavairy. About three-fourths of all the orses and mules of the column were killed.

The latest intelligence, brought by "Joe" Rankin, the courier, from the besieged command on Monday, is as follows: "Should reinforcements reach us in five days we can hold out very well with our supplies and ammunition." A courier also brought this dispatch the same day : " We still hold our position. Every man is busy digging trenches and hanling out the dead animals for defence, for to-morrow we fully expect them back at

AN OFFICIAL REPORT. CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 1 .- General Sheridan is in receipt of the following dispatch, which has been

forwarded from Omaha:

MILK RIVER, Col., Sept. 29—8:30 p. m., VIA RAWLISS, WY., Ool. I.

Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of the Platte.

Omaha.

This command, composed of three companies of cavalry, was met a mile seath of Milk River by several hundred Ure Indians who attacked and drove us to the wagon-train with great less. It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of Major Thornburgh, who felt in inarness; the painful but not serious wounding of duty to asmounce the death of Major Thorhouse, of felt in marness; the paintul but hout serious wounding of the manness that the paintul but hout serious wounding of the enhanced men and a wagon-master, with the wounding of about twenty men and teamsters. I am corradied near about twenty men and teamsters, I am corradied near water, with about three-tourths of my animals killed, after a desperate flast since 12 m. We hold our postion. I shall strengthen it during the might, and believe we can hold out until reinforcements reach us. If they are hurried. Officers and men behaved with the great set gallatery. I am also sightly wounded in two places.

PAYNE, Commanding.

halted for the night (of the 26th), and the Major sent Grafton Lowry, one of his scouts, to the Agency to communicate with Agent Mecker and to see how matters stood. He found the utmost extitement and confusion prevailing. The Indians had sent all their old men, women and children South, toward the Blue River. The war riors were decorated and painted in the usual war style. They were about to murder Mr. Mecker, but Mr. Lowry prevailed upon them not to commit the deed. Mr. Meeker told Mr. Lowry that he attempted to leave the Agency with his family, but was prevented by the Indians, and that they (the Indians) signified their readiness for war and seemed auxious for the approach of the troops. They then made another move disturbance. The following dispatches have been to kill Mr. Mecker and fire the buildings, but received by the Indian Bureau: were induced a second time to desist. Lowry now attempted to return to the command, but was in formed he must remain. After giving them a num ber of assurances of his peaceful mission, he was allowed to depart, but was accompanied by about thirty warriors, who rode with him a number of miles and then left him.

Lowry arrived at the camp of the command near Milk Creek, on the evening of the 28th, and gave Major Thornburgh the above information.

The next morning (September 29) the command advanced under the guidance of Joe Rankin, who is well acquainted with the country. About 9 o'clock in the morning, Rankin discovered fresh Indian signs, Having arrived at a enfon through which the road passed, and which would nilord an excellent opportunity for an ambush, he led the command around over the bill, over an old trail well known to him. By this movement he saved the lives of the command; for, on arriving on the top of the hill, he discovered the Indians in ambus on either side of the canon through which the

road passed. Major Thernburgh formed his men in line and awarted the coming attack. He was repeatedly urged to fire on the Indians, but persistently refused to do so, saying that his orders would not justify an actack. Two Indians now rode up to within a hundred yards, dismounted, and, with a savage yell, fired, shooting Captain Payne through the arm. At this signal the Indians gave war-whoop, and the battle began. Thornburgh now found that he was surrounded. He ordered a charge which he galiantly led in person, and succeeded in cutting his way out; and when within about five hundred yards of his wagons, he fell dead, with two bullets through his brain. Captain Payne now took command, and the battle was carried on unti 8 o'clock p. m., the troops using the wagons and animals as breastworks. The Indians fell back a short distance and went into camp. During the engagement Lowry was killed.

The casualties are about as follows: Major Thorn burgh, Lowry and thirteen enlisted men. The wagon-master, McKinstry, and one teamster were killed; Captain Payne, Captain Lamson, Surgeon Grimes, Lieutenants Paddock and Wolf, and thirtyfive men were wounded.

Major Thornburgh's body was not recovered when Rankin left with dispatches. Captain Payne had fortified his position, and thought he could pos sably hold it until the arrival of reinforcements, in case they were sent promptly. About 150 head of horses and moles were killed by the Indians. Gon-eral Merritt will arrive to-night and immediately

leave with a strong torce.

Later-It is now reported that Agent Mecker, together with his family and all employes, have been murdered, and the agency buildings destroyed; but this report lacks continuation. Settlers from

A BATTLE WITH THE UTES. Snake and Bear Rivers are flocking here for safety, and considerable excitement prevails.

RUSHING TROOPS TO THE RESCUE. GENERAL MEERITY TO COMMAND- SPECIAL TRAINS SENT OUT UNDER ORDERS TO MAKE FAST TIME-

OMAHA COMMENTS ON THE FIGHT. OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 1.-The courier who brought to Rawlins the news of the Indian fight had a per-Thornburgh, with three companies of ilous journey, but reached Rawlins all right. By 3 cavalry, was attacked on Monday last o'clock word had been telegraphed to Fort Omaha. Adjutant-General Williams in less than a quarter of an hour was at who is in Chicago, and ordering treat, Major Thornburgh and either 11 or ters forward, General Merritt, at Fort D. A. 13 men were killed, and 20 or more Russell, Cheyenne, was telegraphed to and ordered were wounded. The Indians burned a to the command of the expedition. The message wagon train and killed about three- was carried by the operator who received it at the troops fell back and intrenched. Troops are herseback at break-neck speed. General Merritt at now being collected from all around that part once began preparing for the expedition. The same of the West and are being hurried forward at | was true of the arrangements at Camp Douglass, Salt Lake, and no time was lost and everything per-Sanders this activity was duplicated. The Union Facilic Railway worked in harmony with the military, and the troops are all now en route for Rawhas, from which point succor will be sent out.

FORCE - INTRENCHMENTS HASTILY MALE - Douglass left Order at 2 p. m. to-day, for the sceneto make fast time. Three hundred men and 600 On the 9th of July an application was made to the War herses left Cheyeune to-day for Rawlins. One company left Fort Sanders and two companies of cavalry Ever Agency in Northwestern Colorado, was atas passing through a bad cafion at noon, one terman and Robinson, and will leave for the seat of

expedition is given, is one of the best Indian retreat. Captain Payne was wounded in two fighters in the country. At 11:45 Sclock this forenoon he telegraphed to General Williams that he Grimes were also painfully but not damecrously would be ready to start at 4 o'clock to-morrow wounded. Ten calisted men and Wagou-master Me-Kinstry were killed, and at least twenty-five men mals and provisions are in abandance, a rapid and teamsters were wounded. The horses of Cap- march will be forced, and relief will soon reach those in peril.

As wrong inferences may be drawn respecting the all other tribes. The latter can not combat with them in their own homes. The country they inhabit is very rugged and mountainous. Old Indianfighters are united in saying that the Utes are hard and ferocious fighters. They are best at plauning am-buseades, and are at the same time treacherous to

the greatest degree.

Though Major Thornburgh expected that they Though Major Thernburgh expected that they would remain peaceable, it is reported that he was nevertheless vigilant and cautions. There is nothing to lead to the inference that he was otherwise than intropid, yet he was caution itself, and never impetinous. His early training in the service aimed scenes calculated to school him to become a cautious leader and a good judge in such matters, have fitted him for just this sort of work. As a paymaster and traveller, he has been trained to nerve and to well-balanced conduct, and he has won for himself a high reputation as a scout and Indian fighter. The only inference that can be drawn is that Thornburgh did not blunder, but fell into a carefully late ambuseade, and could not extricate the brave men he had with him.

Major I hornburgh's body has not been recovered, but les in front of his command, and cannot be secured.

Cucago, Oct. 1.—General Sheridan has received from Cunha the following telegram: "I have or-dered Merritt with four companies from Fort Rus-sell, two companies from Fort McPherson, all that can be spared from Sanders, and four companies from Donglas, to rendezvous at once at Rawlins. This gives 530 men. Ordered two companies from Robinson, one from Laramle and one from Fetter-man to march at once to the railroad to meet emergencies. Gillis is ordered to confer with Mer-ritt and forward transportation. Have you any orders F

water, with about three-tourths of my animals special train and believe them is despited by the following particulars are obtained from the courier who brought the dispatches from Captain Payne after the fight: the fight and captain Payne after the fight: the fight and command, left here this afternoon on a special train. Accompany In were Companies of the fight and the expedition for the relief of the command the expedition for the relief of the dispatches from Captain Payne, commanding.

The President and party were accompanied by the form of the 4th Litanity. In addition to these will be companies of infantry, the governor Cullom, the Misses Ella and Carrie Cullom, Congressman J. G. Cannon, State Treasurer Smith, State Anditor Needles, and C. H. Chappel, division superintendent of the Wabash Railway.

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in the campment of wagon transportation as well as a large pack train departed to night,
OGDEN, Utah, Oct. 1.—Major Bryant, 14th Infantry, with four companies, left here this aftermoon for the relief of Major Thornburgh's command.
They will leave Kawlins to-morrow morning.

THE UTES WELL ARMED. TELEGRAMS EECEIVED AT WASHINGTON-A GREAT

DEAL OF TROUBLE EXPECTED. WASEINGTON, Oct. 1 .- Adjutant-General Townend anticipates a great deal of trouble from the Utes, because they are well armed, and are known to be superior to other Indian warriors. The last telegram received by the War Department from Major Thornburgh arrived last evening, in which he said that the Indians appeared perfectly friendly, and had shown no disposition to create a

White River Agency, Col., Sept. 29.

Major Thornburgh, 446 Infantry, leaves his command fifty miles distant, and comes to-may with five men. Indians propose to fight froeps advance. A talk will be find to-morrow. Captain Dodge, 9th Cavairy, is at Steamboat Springs with orders to break up Indian stores and scep Indians on reservation. Saies of a manunition and guns brisk for ten days past. Store nearest sent back 16,000 rounds and thriften gains. When Captain Dodge commences to centure law, but living here without troops. Have sent for him to confer. N. C. MEEKER, Agent.

H. RAWLINS, Wy., Oct. 1, 1879. E. A. HAYT, Commissioner Indian Algairs.

Since the arrival of the mail from Waite River Agency special messenger has arrived and reports Major Thornburgh's command having been attacked by the Indians on Mink Creek, eighteen miles north of the Agency, and the Major and thirteen soldiers Killed. I lear Agent Mecker and employes all massacred, as trains and wagons transferring Indian supplies from here have been destroyed by the Indians.

JAMES FRANCE.

MR. TYNER PROBABLY IN DANGER. EDERS TELEGRAPHED TO FORT SAUNDERS TO PRO-TECT MR. TYNER, WHO IS NOW TRAVELLING OUT

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TELEUNE. I Washington, Oct. 1.-S. W. Dorsey, Delegate to Congress from Wyoming, has telegraphed from Fort Leavenworth that Assistant Postmaster-General Typer is somewhere out in the Indian country. Mr. Dorsey believes that he is in danger. He says if the Secretary of War will authorize the detail of a cavalry escort he will send out after him. The telegram was received by General Knapp, Chief Clerk of the Post Office Department, who at once applied for the necessary authority from the War Department. Orders were issued at once to the commandant at Fort Saunders in Wyoming, and Mr. Dersey was informed that all facilities possible for the procetion of any parties in the Ute country would be

CHEYENNE, Wy., Oct. 1 .- Information believed o be authentic was received here to-night, that General Typer, Assistant Postmaster General, Gov-erner Hoyt, of Wyoming, and a military escort of eight men, are now with Thornburgh's command on Milk River.

MAJOR THORNBURGH.

The officer who lost his life in the Indian fight on Monday was appointed to the Military Academy from Tennessee. He entered the Army in 1867 as a econd licutenant in the 2d Artillery. He was for a ong time stationed at one of the forts on the Potomae, and became very well known in Washington society during his service there. He was afterwards transferred to the Pay Department of the Army as a major, and latterly has been an officer in the 4th Infantry. He was one of the most efficient young officers in the service, full of vitality and energy, and never shrinking from any service, however arduous. He comes of a fighting family, too, it may be said. His brother, Jacob M. Theraburgh, of Knovvilla who was a Republican Congressman

from Tennessee for two terms, was a Colonel in the Federal cavalry during the war for the preservation of the Union; he entered the service in May. 1862, and remained in the field in active duty until the close of the war.

The Major was a very active and powerful man, fully six feet and two inches in height, a magnificent shot and a daring horseman.

He leaves a wife and two children at Fort Steele, whither his father-in-law, Major Clark, journeyed this morning.

THE WHITE MAN AGAIN THE CAUSE. The White River Utés are about 800 in number. They occupy a large reservation in North-western Colorado. They are of a roaming and reckless isposition, are a superior set of Indians, are well armed, sailed upon to deal with. Ever since the Summer of 1877 the White River Reserve has been visited conmually by parties of white men seeking settlement and prospecting for gold. The agent has succeeded up to the fters away, but their visits have been a source of corstant irritation to the Utes, and the tribe has burned own many settlers' cabins and set fire to the grass and sage-brush frequently to smoke out hunters and

mers. The Indian Bureau refused to allow mining perations to be carried on, but the persistency of the white intruders was very great, and it engendered a great deal of ill-feeling among the Utes, the result of which was that while parties of the latter were hunting, away from the reserve, they committed a number of Department for troops to send the Indians back to the reservation. The application was responded to, and from that time up to september last the Utes conducted

On the 8th of September Agent Meeker reported that time the congiting of a certain piece of land which was near the agency and was the most available tract age elsewhere for Indian berds, he continued the work inns began their building of corrais there that the place would soon be required for farming. The Indians per called a council, which resulted fluidly in a reluciant management of the campaign against the Ute by a leasing Chief, Johnson, and forced out of his own couse and injured badly, but was resented by his emplovés. Agent Mecker feared that his file was in danger, and he asked for troops to arrest the turbulent ladions and enforce order upon the reservation. The necessary orders were issued by that Department on the lifth of september. Major Thomburgh was ordered to the Waste River ascenty and it was during his march tilliner that he was attacked by a powerful and well-armed torce of the Utes.

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If the reports are true, which indicate that this war party of Utes are well armed, there is every probability of a serious line with them. They belong to a tribe which retains its primative savagery more than any other in the West, and they have, long been famous for their saughty manners and independent spirit. Native industrial arts flourish among them to a greater extent than among other aboriginal tribes, and they have displayed in all their affairs a high degree of intelligence and ability.

MR. HAYES REACHES INDIANAPOLIS. YESTERDAY MORNING SPENT IN SPRINGFIELD AT

THE STATE HOUSE AND THE FAIR GROUNDS-INDIANAPOLIS ILLUMINATED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 1 .- President Hayes and arry, after breakfast at the Executive Mansion at pringfield, Ill., this morning, took carriages and visited the State House, accompanied by a number of prominent personages, among whom were exand wife, ex-Senator Logan, and several State officers. The party then went to the State Fair grounds, arriving there at 10:30. A vast crowd was in attendance. The party were assigned places in front of the amphitheatre and were treated to a grand display of the finest horses and cattle of all breeds on exhibition at the fair. The animals passed in review as rapidly as possible. The party

by an immense concourse of citizens with military and music. There was no speaking, the screaming of locomotive and factory whiseles making it impossible for the President to be heard. Mr. Haves simply bowed and thanked the managers of the whiseles for saving him from making a speech.

At Crawfordsville, Ind., another large gathering of people was met. Speech-making was prevented here by the breaking down of an overloaded platform, and before order could be restored it was time for the train to leave.

The party arrived here at 6:30 p. m., and were greeted with a Presidential sainte from artillery stationed near the depot. The streets leading to the railway station were packed with people. The party were escorted by military music to their hotel. The city is in holiday attire. Decorations, illuminations and private exhibitions of fireworks are seen in every direction to-night.

HUDSON COUNTY IN NEED.

A TEMPORARY EMBARRASSMENT DUE TO UNPAID

County Collector Kingsland, of Hudson county, S. J., has given notice that there is no money a his hands. The warrants for salaries for August and september are still unpaid, amounting to \$8,000, as is also a loan of \$50,000 from the First National Bank of Jersey City, which became due July 1. Yesterday \$10,000 in county bonds became due. Mr. Kingsland said to a TRIBUNE reporter that the present embarrassment was only temperary and that it was caused by the non-payment of faxes due the county, which was in a good condition financially. All claims against it would be paid promptly as soon as the cities and town-ships paid their taxes. The following sums are due t e county for taxes in the years nomed:

| 1874. | 1875. | 1876. | 1877. | 1878. \$42,409,876,785,8105,238,8100,687,8161,825,3,691,3,691,3,691,3,691,3,693,3,691,3,693,3693,3,693,3,693,3,693,3,693,3,693,3,693,3,693,3,693,3,693,3,693, Jersey Cliv... Howsen Bayonte (11) West Heloken North Bergen Union Townshi 642,409 880,0 1:7,012 52:8,978 5198,456 There is a tota, or \$673,001 one the county for ampald ties. The floating deet of the county is a little over

THE SALE OF AN EXPRESS BUSINESS.

Boston, Oct. 1 .- The Eastern Express Company, with all its ramifications, was purchased to-day by the American Express Company, at a price rumored to be not far from Soio,000.

THE CITY CONVENTION IN NEWARK. For the Republican City Convention to be

reid in Newark to-day delogates were elected last night. for Mayoralty nomination. Stainsly's friends claim that Yates has only 42 out of the 86 designates. The votes necessary to a choice are 44. Exciting contests took place in every ward last night.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

STARBED FIFTEEN OR TWENTY TIMES.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. I.—John Frederick Well a German, stilled his divorced wife early this morning, stabiliting ber filteen or twenty times with a tanner's knife. He after ward shot aimself, and died about 11 o clock.

FAILURE OF THE HYDE PARK BANK.
SCRANTON, Penh., Oct. I.—The Hyde Park Bank made an assignment to day, and T. R. Mott was anjointed assignee. The includes are sea, 1000. Earlies we of siock. The assets claimed are \$1:0,000. Hanford, the late cachier, is a defaulter in about \$20,000.

MUSCOGER, I. T., Oct. I.—Information was brought in last night from the Sae and Fox Agency that a fight had mace place between a party of twelve desperadoes and a party of soldiers from Fort Sill, resulting in the killing of slace of the building, and of Jim Burker, their leader, and a geoperale man.

THE SALE OF BEER AT A COUNTY FAIR TO BE LOOKED INTO.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Oct. 1.—I no Grand Jury, which ments here to marrow, will probably investigate the matter of the disgrace-ful sernes at the late Monmonth County Fair, caused by open vicinities as the late Monmonth County Fair, caused by open vicinities as the late Monmonth County Fair, caused by open vicinities as the fuguer has. The grounds remained in extensive near gardin, and lattless and embread were subjected to it such by druken men. A committee can war posed of the maximum tentum to the maximum tentum to the function of the maximum tentum ten

Democratic party in Tennessee on the debt question. He is going to make a speech there soon, but cannot tell at present whether he will speak about the debt or not. Architect Clark, of the Capiand the most troublesome tribe the Indian Bureau's tol Building, reports that great improvements have been made in the ventilation of the building. The Treasury officially announces the closing up of the transactions in regard to the 4 per cent loan.

> JUDGE KEY ON TENNESSEE POLITICS. PROBABLE SPLIT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

OVER THE STATE BEST QUESTION, IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE PERSONAL

Washington, Oct. 1.—Postmaster General Key said to-day that the financial question in Tennessee was by no means settled in tayor of repudiation by the result of the recent State election. On the contrary, there is a prospect that the ultimate result will be favorable to the maintenance of the financial honor of the State.

The machine Democrats, Judge Key says, are demanding that the question should now be dropped, and that the result of the election be taken as the definite choice of the people of the State in favor of among the Democrats have been aroused by the event debts. Judge Key said he did not know what effect the coming Presidential election in Tennessee would have in cementing the Democratic party in the State, but if it were not for that event be should believe that a disas-trons solit in that party would be inevitable. As it

Judge key leave, in the more tage to successful to take part by invitation in the centermal commemoration of the date of the oldest settlement in the State. It has been announced that he will in his address speak of the State manues in the interest of homest payment of the State debt. This, he says, is unthorized, as he does not yet know himself what he will talk about.

TREASURY OPERATIONS. A STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE CLOSING UP OF

THE FOUR PER CENT LOAN-SILVER-PENSION

IGENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.1 Washington, Oct. 1 .- The following statement

a relation to the closing of the four per cent loan was issued this morning by the Treasury Depart-

ment!

All the accounts with depository banks, disbursing officers, postmasters and other officers for the proceeds of four per cent bonis have been closed without the loss of a dollar. All the proceeds have been paid into the Treasury except the called bonds and coupens now in transitu from the Government Agent in London, The amount of called bonds outstanding not yet presented for payment a \$28.971.800; all of which bonds are rovided for by cash in the Treasury except \$676,050, for which an equil amount of four per cent bonds is tetrained in the Department unsold. It is believed that this amount and perhaps more of called bonds will not be oversined for payment within a year, and the reserved bonds will only be sold as needed. The aggregate of four per centsoid is \$740.847.950.

Nearly \$8.000.000 were paid out of the I reasury

during the month of September on account of penons arrears. Except for this the decrease in the public debt during the month would have been

about \$10,000,000.
The Treasury Department to-day purchased 290,000 ounces of silver bullion for the United States Mint at Philadelphia. AIR AND LIGHT AT THE CAPITOL.

ARCHITECT CLARK SUBMITS HIS ANNUAL REPORT-THE ELECTRIC LAMP ON TRIAL IGENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.1

Washington, Oct. 1 .- Architect Clark, of the Capitol, submitted his annual report to the Secre-

Mr. Clark says that many changes have been made in the Capitol Building since his last report. In accordance with plans recommended by the Board having in charge the ventilation of the House of Representatives, at the south of the nall of the House of Representatives have been converted into one room, and by means o large openings into their north wall have been thrown open to the corridors between them and the hall, thus naking a large, light and siry retiring-room for mem bers. The blank doorways in the south wall of the gallery have been opened, and the rooms and closets in that portion of the building arranged to suit this modifleation. To provide accommodations for the committres and officers thus disposse sed, several rooms under the old hall of the House of Representatives have been fixed up, and the Fo ding Department, formerly occupy

ing these rooms, has been transferred to the colar below The recent fire which occurred in a room in the cellar tory filled with scrap paper gives additional force to the recommendation in the last annual report in relation to the ins cure condition of the roof and floor of the old hall of the House of Representatives. The semicircular wall of the room is made of wooden studding covered with laths and plaster; the floor of the gallery and the ceiling of the document room being also o wood. In these rooms there is always a large amount of paper liable to take fire from the same cause as the recent fire, and the architect thinks that prudence de mands the taking of measures to prevent the danger by emoving the wooden portion of the hall and substitut

ng material which would be fire-proof. Speaking of the air in the Capitol, the architect say that to secure wholesome air, the strip of Governmen

that to secure wholesome air, the strip of Government land running from the Botanical Garden to the Government reservation, at the junction of New-Jersey and Virginia-aves, ought o be planted with trees. This land lies between the Capitol and the insiar al quarter of the city. A wooded belt would greatly improve the healtfulness of the air supplied to the Hall of Representatives.

Experiments are now being made with a view to lighting the hall of the House of Representatives with the exertine tight. In the patent with waden experiments have been made, there is yes a fluckering of the first, and such is the sensibility of the human eye that the architect nesitates to apply electricity to the halls of legislation.

Mr. Clark states that the expenditures from June 30, 1878, to June 30, 1879, have been as follows: Capitol extension, 855,000; Government Printing Office Banding, \$14,244-57; lighting Capitol grounds, \$27,000; improvement of Capitol grounds, \$100,000.

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE. THE CONVENTION OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

-HOURS OF MAILING AND RECEIPT OF LETTERS [GENERAL PRESS DISPATCEL]

Washington, Oct. 1 .- The Division Superintendents of the Railway Mail Service continued their session to-day.

A resolution was adopted suggesting to the Postmas-

ter-General that he issue an order instructing postmasters in first, second and third class offices to embrace within their post office stamp the near of mailing and receipt of letters, in order that any delays might be more readily traced than at present. It was determined at the meeting to day that even Division Superintendent

the meeting to day that each Division Superintendent should conduct the compliation of the list of "local" names of post offices in the several divisions, and forward to the general office for final arrangement.

A resolution was anothed requesting the issue of a general order to postmasters directing them in all cases when compliants are made to them of delays in the derivery of letters to obtain, if possible, the envelopes covering such latters, and to note thereon the date and hour of the receipt at the post office and of delivery to the person addressed, and to forward them to the Division Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service for his information and action.

The propriety and leasibility of the Government owning its own postal cars was considered at some length. The views of case of the Superintendents were expressed thereon, and the sentiment of the majority was against the proposition.

The convention adjourned sine die.

A GOOD REPORT FROM MEMPHIS.

pellow lever were reported to the Board of Health to-day; also five deaths. Contributions received by the Howards to-day aggregated \$2.129, \$2.000 of which was from the New-York Chamber of Commerce. The thermometer to-day has ranged from 72° to day at noon the two colored companies.

ELECTION OF THE LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 1.—At a meeting of the Louisville and Nashville a MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 1 .- Two new cases of

broke camp and retired to their respective armories. The McCleiban Guards will so to Camp Marks, and do guard duty in protecting the bridges along the line of the Missiasippi and Tennessee Raffway. The Memphis Zouaxes will camp at their armory for ten days, and then go to Nashville to participate in the drill to take place on the 14th inst.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

FINANCE AND SPECULATION ABROAD.

London, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1879. The Financier of to-day says: " As exchange on New-York has again sunk to the bullion point, it is expected that the £150,000 [\$727,500] remaining on the irker from the Australian consignment of £200,000 market from the Australian consignment of \$200,000 [sep70,000] mentioned on Saturday, will go to America. Meantime the French drain of gold to the United States seems to have assumed something of its former magnitude. A large sum is stated to have left Hayre yesterday; and there is reason to believe, though it is not officially announced, that the directors of the Bank of France have decided to advance the previous one per mille for the purpose of checking the outflow. This determination having obtained credence in Paris, it is being autientated by large withdrawals from London."

The Cote Européane states that the Société des Immembles de Paris will, on the 14th inst., call for \$18,200,000 stock subscriptions. The Messager de Paris tates that the argregate steek subscriptions invited luring the past three months, exclusive of the Pansana anal, amount to \$194,000,000. A Paris dispatch to The force adds, " and yet, as to new schemes, " the cry is till they come?"

AN IRISH LAND AGENT ATTACKED.

Buntas, Wednesday, Oct P 1870. To-day Mr. Smith, the land agent of the Marquis of Sigo, and his son, were driving near Muttauny, a town near Costlebar, County Mayo, whom they A ferce structure manner, and the body of the man who was killed in the fight had been removed by life confederates. The body was enhacquently found in a bog, and is that of a milituation.

The Marque of Headhort and his agent have received letters theratholog their death unless the rent is induced. The Marquis owns property in Meath and Cavall.

MR. LABOUCHERE ATTACKED.

LONDON, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1879. A fistic street encounter occurred on Monday night between Mr. Etward Levy Lawson, of The Daily Telegraph, and Mr. Labouchere, the Editor of Truth-Mr. Lawson attacked Mr. Labouchere on account of ver-tain paragraphs published in Truth. Neither was much injured.

PREPARING FOR A FRENCH INVASION.

Loxnon, Wennesday, Oct. 1, 1879. A Berlin dispatch to The Times says: "Field Marshal Count von Moltke, Chief of the Imperial Staff. with a number of staff officers, it is believed with a view to considering how Upper Alsace and Baden could best be defended in the event of a French invasion."

THE RUSSIAN INVASION.

Sr. Perensurus, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1870. An official dispatch from General Lomakin mfirms the report of the Russian success at Geok-Tepe mi says that the Russians occupied Beurma on Septem er 17. Tae opinion prevails at Baku that the expedi-on wall return and Winter at Fchikelar in consequen-f suchness and the scarcity of provisions. General suchness and the searchy of provisions. General rankasoff had arrived at Tehikislar, replacing General makin in the command.

THE BELGIAN IRON TRADE.

BRUSSELS, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1879. At a largely attended meeting of ironmasters at Charlerot, it was stated that the orders for from, and all the information from the foreign from markets, justified the benef in a general and lasting re-

> THE FERRY EDUCATION BILL. Lyons, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1879.

M. Jules Ferry, Minister of Public Instruction, speaking here, said that the Ministry would accept no compremise on clause 7 (the anti-Jesuit one) of his Education bill.

FOREIGN NOTES.

London, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1879. Charles F. Macdonald, superintendent of the United States Money Order System, has strived at Berlin to negotiate a new postal money order treaty. It is officially announced at Madrid that Santo Demingo will pay an indemnity to the helrs of the fusur-gent Generals who were taken from a Spanish vessel at Puerto Plaia and shot.

As many as 10,477 persons were condemned to exile in Stheria at Moscow during the Summer. Hadji Lodja, the leader of the Bosnian insurgents beginst the Austrians, has been sentenced to five years'

The jockey, Fordham, will ride Mr. P. Lorillard's sixyear-sid brown gelding Parole in the race for the Czarewitch handicap stakes next Tuesday. Five of the City of Glasgow Bank Directors convicted

of uttering false abstracts of balance sheets and sentenced February I to eight months imprisonment were released to-day amid the hootings of a crowd. STATE SENATORIAL NOMINATION. WATERTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 1 .- The Republicans to-day nominated General Bradley Winsow for State Schaler from the district comprising Jefferson and

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

THE CATARACT HOUSE BURNED.

VERGENNES, Vt., O.t. 1.—The Calaract House was destroyed by are this morning. Loss, \$7,000; insured for \$5,000.

for 85,400.

SANFORD B. HUNT ON THE PRISON COMMISSION.

LIENTON, N. J., Oct., 1—Sanford B. Hunt was
te-day appointed by Governor McCleilan to the Prison Commission in place of Schuyler B. Jackson, resigned on account THE LUMBER TRADE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.
St. John, A. B., Oct. 1.—During September there were 27,000,000 feet of lumber expected from Chatham, an increase of 7,500,000 feet over that expected during September, 1878.

GEORGIA INPANTRY INVITED TO BOSTON.
BOSTON, Oct. I.—In: Boston Light Infantry voted
omeh to extend a formal invitation to the Gates City
mark of Allants, Gal. to visit Boston on the occasion of

SING SING N. Y., Oct. I.—The excess of earnings state special by the state of earnings state. For the head year ending October 1, the surplus for the year is \$25,250 St.

WALLACE ROSS CHALLENGED.

TORONTO, Oct. 1.—Fred A. Plaisted, the Amerian carsman, has challenged Wallace Ross, of St. Jehn, N., for a two-mile sculling race, with a turn, on Silver Lake, est and best boats, for \$500 a side.

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REAPPEARANCE OF A MISSING MAN.

BALLIMORE, Oct. 1.—Mr. J. B. Warten, the increcipint of Prospect Hill, N. C., whose smooth disappearance from his hote on Monday coosed nuce anxiety, is back all right. He says he has been to Pittsburg. A LARGE CHOWD AT A NEW JERSEY FAIR.

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SOM SEVILE, N. J., Oct. 1.—The annual intr of
some user County began yesterday with a fair attendance,
tagent weather to day brought out over 5,000 people, the attaction being the frotting and running faces and military
rich.

rills A STRIKE ON THE PART OF PUDDLERS.

POTTSVILLS, P. DR., Oct. 1.— the juddlers at Atins Bres, rolling noll here struck this merring. They have
seen receiving 8d 50 per ten for pudding, and demand an adance of 50 cents. The strike whitherest about 100 men out

of weak.

A VICTORY FOR THE SENIORS AT YALE.

New-HAVIN, Cohm., Oct. 1.—At the Lake Saitonstall regattate day the Yale Seniors defeated the Juniors and southenores over a two-mile course, with a turn, in 133. The lambors were one second behind. The Sophemores came in

in 1984.

AN LOON MILL TO OPEN AFTER A LONG CLOSE.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1.—At a meeting of the directors of the Vulcan Iron and Steel Works this morning, William P. Shinni was elected vice president and general manager. The works which have been alle for about two years, will instance operations at once.

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THE GLINTON PRISON CONTRACT.

ALBA Y, N. Y., Oct. I.—The Prison Commissionre appointed by the last Legislature met this afternoon in
sizer, and available the contract for the calargement of
inton Prison to Mr. Rider, of Rhinchock. The bin of Mr.
aner was \$145,585 95.

for all personal estate owned by them.

A WEDDING AT BALTIMORE,

BALTIMORE, Oct. L.—Mr. E. V. Camby and Miss
Marion Biacaman were married this evening at St. Luke's
Episcopal Church. The liably is well-known as a popular elecutionist, and is the dampater of the line Capitain Blackman,
of the army. They went North on their bridge try. friedrick, and is the small North on their bridal Cup.
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SALE OF A SOUTHERN HALLBOAD.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. I.—The Wilmington,
Columbia and Augusta Railroad was sold in this city to day
ander foreclosure of the irst mortgage bonds, for \$50,500,
It was bought in for the noiders of the bonds. The Ask was
for \$20,000 in cash, and the balance in three, sax, hine and
receive montas.

TELEGRAPH AND RAILWAY PRIVILEGES.

ELECTION OF THE LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

THE TILDEN ELECTION PLOT. PROPOSING TO REMOVE MR. FRENCH.

MAYOR COOPER ORDERS POLICE COMMISSIONER FRENCH, MACLEAN AND MORRISON TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED-BELIEF THAT THIS ACTION IS REALLY AIMED AGAINST MR. FRENCH ONLY - THE POLICE BOARD'S ALL-NIGHT SESSION.

Mayor Cooper yesterday summoned Police Commissioners French, MacLean and Morrison to appear before him at 3 p, m, to-day to show cause why they should not be removed for dereliction of duty in not appointing Inspectors of Election in the time provided by the law. This action is said to be part of a scheme to control the Police Board by removing Commissioner French, and it is not believed that there is any intention of removing the others, Mr. French will probably ask the intervention of the Courts. The Commissioners were in session all Tuesday night and a part of yesterday, but the full jist of Inspectors was appointed in only five election

THE MAYOR'S LATEST ACT FOR TILDEN HIS LETTER TO THE COMMISSIONERS-EXPLANA-TION OF THE REASONS FOR HIS COURSE.

An unusual number of Tilden Democrats gathered at the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon, and on questioning the Mayor he was given a copy of

MAYOR'S OFFICE, New-York. To CHARLES F. MACLEAN, STEPHEN B. FRENCH, and JAMES E. MODRISON, Police Commissioners of the City of New-York. You are changed by and before me with conduct in your

The Mayor was asked if he regarded all tome com missioners as equally guilty, but he replied that he could tell better when he heard their defence. Further than that he said he had nothing to say on the matter. was no intention of removing Commissioners Morris and MacLean, and that the answers that they could give would be satisfactory to the Mayor, together with the minutes of the Police Board meetings. These minutes were being copied by the Mayor's clerk last night and will be a part of the defence of Messes. Mac-Lean and Morrison, they having taken their course with this end in view. There was no doubt among the Mayor's friends and near counseitors yestering that the Governor would consent to the removal, and it was even said he would come to the city for that purpose in order that their might be no delay. There was much doubt expressed, however, as to whether the attempted removal would not lose the Governor more votes than tion returns even by removing Republican inspectors already appointed.

The friends of Mr. French maintain that the Mayor has no just cause for his removal, and that the courts will interfere to prevent it. Should it be accomplished, however, it is believed that the Mayor would appoint Sheridan Shook in Mr. Freuch's place and that one of the first acts of the new Police Board would be the appointment of the remaining Auti-Tammany inspectors of election, and the removal of John J. O'Brien (Republican), now Chief of the Bureau of Elections. It is also claimed that in such an event many of with the Tilden Democrats. Although Mr. Shook has been rejected by the Board of Aldermen that would not prevent his appointment by the Mayor in place of Mr. French, as the Mayor has the sole power of appointment in place of a removed Commissioner waose term of office has not expired. Tals would give the Mayor three Postce Commissioners, a quorum and majority of the Police Board, whose terms of office would extend beyond the Mayor's, and who would have been appointed with out the consent of the Board of Aidermen as contem-

plated by the charter. THE MAYOR'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE DEN. Early last Spring, when ex-Senators John Fox and Michael Norton, with Andrew H. Green, Mayor Cooper and the other Tiden Democrats that make their headquarters in the Mavor's office, were torecasting the probabilities of the refrection of Governor Robinson, is was an open secret that they had determined on proelection or poll cierks for the coming election. " We must have the inspectors," was an expression frequently heard from members of what is known as the Mayor's . Kitchen Cabinet." It was evident then that the conc Enteben Cabmet." It was evident taen that the control of the ballot boxes was considered to be a matter of vast importance to them, but to what lengths the Mayor was writing to go in carrying out that purpose was a subject of done. It was shought then that Poince Commissioner Smith, whose removal papers were in the mass of the Governor, would act in harmony with the wisness of Commissioner MacLean, and it was said that the Mayor would secure the necessary majority in the Police Board by the removal of Commissioner Wheeler. It was a statement frequently repeated by the Mayor's friends that General Smith was "all straight," and that he would not be removed, but when, after months of delay, it became apparent that General Smith would not act as was expecied, a meassenger was incriedly dispatched to Albany to bring down his removal certificate. The papers were brought here lan at much, and the Mayor's private secretary, James E. Morrison, was sworn in as Police Commissioner in place of General Smith, who was then absent.

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Although months had elapsed since the Mayor preferred charges against Commissioners Smith, Nichols and Erwardt, no complaint had been made no first tommissioner Wheelor, whose term of office had expired, nor had any nomination been made to fill his piece. The Governor did not consent to the removal of Commissioner Ernardt, whose term of office had also expired, and the Mayor filled his place by appointing, which the consent of the Aldermen, Stephen B. French, Assoon as General Smith was removed, immediately after the passage of a resolution by the Police Board looking to the appointment of Inspectors of Election, it was rumored about the City Right had the fiften Democrats would get a majority in the Police Board, and thus capture the inspectors of election by the removal of Mr. Warelet. No offort was made to accomplish this in the legal way, by the nonlination of his successor, the Mayor not having made any nomination for that purpose, although Mr. Wineslet's term of office had expired more than a year before. It was said to be the object of the Mayor to remove him, and then appoint a successor pio tem witaout confirmation, who would hold office until the Board of Aldermen was willing to confirm some one acceptable to the Tilden Democrats, should it chance to refuse to confirm acquired, there was quality the confirm some one acceptable to the Tilden Democrats, should it chance to refuse to confirm acquired, there was quality the other he would remove it Mr. Wheeler's case, and a messenger was sent to Mc temory it was said, on this point.

The Governor faving retailed to consent to the removal of Mr. Erhardt because his term of office had expired, there was quality before, to consult with the Governor, it was said, on this point.

The Governor seviently thought the necessity of capturing the inspectors of election was argent enough by law to be done within ten days after the expiration of a Commissioner's term of office, because when the messe